

A TRUE
RELATION
OF
The Great Fight,
ON

Friday Morning last, at *Willington*

Bridge, near *Northwich*, within ten miles of the City of
Chester, between the Forces of the Lord *Lambert*,
and Sir *George Booth*.

With the manner of the Engage-
ment, The Particulars of the Fight, the number killed, and
Seventeen Hundred taken prisoners, with most of their
Red, Yellow, and Blew Colours; together with
their Bagg and Baggage.

Likewise the Summons of the Earl
of *Derby*, and Sir *George Booth*, to the Trayned-Bands, upon
pain of Death: And Sir *George's* Letter to the Lord
Lambert; With his Lordships Answer
thereunto.

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BETWEEN

The Forces of the Lord *Lambert*, and Sir *George Booth*, on
Friday morning last, at *Willington-bridge*, near *Northwich*.

Sir *George Booth* having received Intelligence, that the
Lord *Lambert* was come into
the *Northern* Parts with a considerable

siderable Body of Horse and
 Foot, a *Letter* was communica-
 ted to his *Lordship*, declaring the
 Grounds and Reasons of his ta-
 king up of *Arms*; desiring a
 Treaty; as also admiring the in-
 vading of his Countre, &c. To
 which the *Lord Lambert* retur-
 ned this answer, *That He was*
commanded thither with the forces
of the Common-wealth; to reduce
him and all others to the obedience
of Parliament. Whereupon, *Sir*
George endeavouring to decline
 action, resolved for *Lancashire*;
 and accordingly marched from
Chester to *Northwich*, where on
Thursday Night last he quarte-
 red, intending the next morning
 to march towards *Warrington*;
 but the *Lord Lambert* being ad-
 vanced

vanced within ten or twelve miles of the City, and taking up his quarters at a town called *Warrum*, on *Thursday* night, two miles from the line. The next morning they began their march, but hearing that *Sir George* was designed for *Lancashire*, and that they had cut off most of the bridges, the *Lord Lambert* wheeled about over part of *Delamoor* Forest, and came to *Willington* bridge, about 7 in the morning; by which time the Enemy were got thither thinking to have cut off that also; but prevented by a party of our foot, who disputed the Pass; which *Sir George* perceiving, gave order for his foot to draw up in the Meadow, being 3 Regiments, with *Red*, *Yellow*, and *Blue* Colours. The *Lord Lambert*

perceiving

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perceiving this, Col. Hewsons Regiment was commanded to give the Onset, who after half an hours dispute, gained the Bridge, and forced them to retreat, 6 being killed upon the place. Upon which the L. Lambert commanded three Troops to advance, who pursued them up the Hill, where the Enemy divided themselves into two Bodies; the one going towards Chester, as supposed; the other towards Warrington, being about 6 miles off. But being close pursued, some further Dispute hapned, and its said many were killed and taken prisoners; of which, the Particulars are every hour expected. These seasonable Nippings had been far sharper, but for the narrowness of the bridge so that our men could not march above two or three abreast.

The rest of the Lord *Lambert's* Forces being marched over the Bridge, and ascending the Hill, severall Troops of Horse pursued the Enemy towards *Wringston*, doing some Execution; but the Gentry being exceeding well mounted, were extremely swift in flight; leaving their Foot to saile for themselves, who are most of them killed and taken; and as we are informed, no lesse then 1700. of them are now Prisoners. our men pursued them over hedge and ditch so close, that they had not time enough to make their escape, notwithstanding they cast away all their Arms, Bag, and Baggage, even their very provision which they had at their backs, bestrewing the fields and Closings with Bread and Chiefe, and crying for quarter, which was granted.

Since which time we hear that the Lord *Lambert* embracing the pursuit so close with his Horse, hath taken divers Prisoners, and some persons of quality; of which, a further account is daily expected: In the mean time it is ascertained, that the main and chief Body is dispersed, and by Gods Assistance it is not doubted, but that we shall have a Torall Rout in few dayes, for they are still in pursuit, and it's said, the enemy endeavours for *Northwales*, to joyn with Sir *Thomas Middleton*, but how he will get thither, I know not; for all possible means is used to divers their design, and it is believed it will be effected, by reason that Colonel *Zankey* with some Regiments of Horse and Foot from *Ireland* doth interpose.

The Earl of *Derby*, with divers of the Gentry, hath received a great Alarm in *Preston*, from whence he issues forth Warrants and Summons, under the Title of Lord Lieutenant, signed by Sir *Roger Moughton* High-Sheriff, for all the Trained Bands to come in upon pain of death.

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The like did Sir *George Booth* upon his coming from *Chiffer*; and that very morning when the Fight began, divers Hundreds were going into him, but prevented by the Lord *Lambert*.

The further account, to confirm this absolute and Providential Victory is; That besides the dispersing of the *Enemies* whole Army, consisting of betwixt 5000 and 6000 Horse and Foot; their Foot being most of them killed and taken Prisoners, together with most of their Colours; divers of the *Enemy* being taken and brought in as they are flying away in parties. Such is the absoluteness of this Victory, that it's thought the *Enemy* will have little heart to engage the *Parliament's* Forces any more.

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